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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants	:	Ryan Thomas Backer, et al.	)
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Serial No.	:	PCT/US03/00033	)
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**Introductory Comments**

Applicants wish to amend the international application (PCT/US03/00033) in preparation for the U.S. national phase entry as presented herein.

Any fees associated with this amendment may be charged to Eli Lilly Account No. 05-0840.